

DTS-125

Field Visit Report (50 Marks) and Viva-Voce (50 Marks)

Semester: 1st

Objectives:

- To gain practical exposure to tourism concepts through field study.
- To develop analytical and report-writing skills.
- To enhance communication and presentation abilities through viva-voce.

Credits: 04

Guidelines:

The Field Visit Report and Viva-Voce for DTS-125 are designed to assess learners' practical understanding and application of concepts studied during the first semester, namely:

- Tourism Concepts and Principles (DTS-121)
- Tourism Resources of India: Man-Made and Natural (DTS-122)
- Travel Agency Management and Tour Operations (DTS-123)
- Travel and Transport Management (DTS-124)

After discussion with the assigned guide/coordinator, each learner will visit any local or national-level tourist destination or site of their choice. During the visit, learners are required to observe, interact, collect relevant information and click photographs as proof of their field study.

Based on their field experience, learners will prepare a brief Field Visit Report of approximately 5000 words or 25 pages, highlighting the key features of the site, its management practices, accessibility provisions (if any), visitor services, communication facilities and overall tourism significance. The report should also include photographs clicked by the learner during the visit and must be submitted to the Department of Tourism before the final Viva-Voce examination.

The overall assessment under DTS-105 carries 100 marks, distributed as follows:

- **Field Visit Report:** 50 Marks
- **Viva-Voce Examination:** 50 Marks

This comprehensive evaluation aims to assess learners' conceptual understanding, field exposure, analytical ability, communication skills and professional presentation. The Viva-Voce shall usually be conducted offline at the designated study centre or university campus. However, in exceptional circumstances, it may be conducted online with prior approval from the School of Tourism, Hospitality and Hotel Management (STHHM) and the Examination Division.

The Viva-Voce will be conducted jointly by one external examiner and one internal faculty member as internal examiner from the Department of Tourism. Each learner will be allotted 10–15 minutes for oral interaction and will be evaluated on parameters such as subject knowledge, clarity of field observations, analytical reasoning, presentation and professional attitude. Learners will prepare their field visit report on the basis of the guidelines provided by the Department of Tourism, STHHM.

Submission Format:

Learners are required to prepare and submit their Field Visit Report in typed format only. The report should be typed on A4-size paper, using Times New Roman font, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing and 1-inch margins on all sides. It should be approximately 5000 words or 25 pages, properly arranged and hard-bound before submission to the Department of Tourism. The report must include a cover page, table of contents, main content, photographs taken during the field visit, conclusion.